Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A gene transfer vector comprising an exogenous gene encapsulated in a native virus envelope, prepared by a method comprising the steps of:

adding protamine sulfate to the exogenous gene;

mixing ~~the~~a virus with ~~an~~the exogenous gene; and

freezing and thawing the mixture two or more times.

11-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for preparing a gene transfer vector comprising an exogenous gene encapsulated in a native virus envelope for gene transfer, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

mixing ~~the~~a virus with ~~an~~the exogenous gene; and

freezing and thawing the mixture two or more times.

16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of inactivating the virus.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A method for introducing an exogenous gene into a suspended cell, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

mixing the suspended cell with a gene transfer vector comprising the exogenous gene encapsulated in a native virus envelope in the presence of protamine sulfate; and

centrifuging the mixture.

20-22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A gene transfer vector comprising an exogenous gene encapsulated in a native virus envelope, wherein the gene transfer vector is prepared by a method comprising the steps of:

adding protamine sulfate to the exogenous gene;

mixing ~~the~~a virus with the exogenous gene in the presence of a detergent.

24-33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the native virus envelope is derived from a wild-type or a recombinant-type virus.

35. (currently amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the native virus envelope is derived from a virus belonging to the Paramyxoviridae family.

36. (currently amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the native virus envelope is derived from HVJ.